

Listing of Claims:

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (original): A repellent against Infestation of arthropods comprising extracts, and/or parts of the plant *Vitex agnus-castus*.

Claim 2 (currently amended): ~~[[A]]~~ The repellent of claim 1 against infestation of arthropods in humans and pet or food animals or formulated for protection of plants or stored materials comprising extracts or parts of the plant *Vitex agnus-castus*.

Claim 3 (currently amended): ~~[[A]]~~ The repellent of ~~any of claims 1-2~~ claim 1, wherein portions of the plant or extracts of the semen, fruits, leafs, stalks or roots of *Vitex agnus-castus* are used.

Claim 4 (currently amended): ~~[[A]]~~ The repellent of ~~any of claims 1-3~~ claim 1, which is used against ticks or mites.

Claim 5 (currently amended): ~~[[A]]~~ The repellent of ~~any of claims 1-3~~ claim 1, which is used against flies or tabanids.

Claim 6 (currently amended): ~~[[A]]~~ The repellent of ~~any of claims 1-3~~ claim 1, which is used against simuliids, ceratopogonids, gnats or sand flies.

Claim 7 (currently amended): ~~[[A]] The repellent of any of claims 1-3~~ claim 1,
which is used against mosquitoes.

Claim 8 (currently amended): ~~[[A]] The repellent of any of claims 1-3~~ claim 1,
which is used against fleas.

Claim 9 (currently amended): ~~[[A]] The repellent of any of claims 1-3~~ claim 1,
which is used against lice (including head lice, body lice, crab lice).

Claim 10 (currently amended): ~~[[A]] The repellent of any of claims 1-3~~ claim 1,
which is used against bugs (including bed bugs, predatory bugs).

Claim 11 (currently amended): ~~[[A]] The repellent of any of claims 1-3~~ claim 1,
which is employed to protect against the bites of lymph -- or blood sucking Insects and
other arthropods.

Claim 12 (currently amended): ~~[[A]] The repellent of any of claims 1-3~~ claim 1,
which is used to protect against skin-penetrating arthropods.

Claim 13 (currently amended): ~~[[A]] The repellent of any of claims 1-12~~ claim 1,
which is characterized by the fact that it protects against transmission of agents of
diseases.

Claim 14 (currently amended): ~~[[A]] The repellent of any of claims 1-3~~ claim 1, which is employed to protect plants or stored materials, including textiles, furs, food and other agricultural products.

Claim 15 (currently amended): ~~[[A]] The repellent of any of claims 1-14~~ claim 1, comprising at least one dermatologically acceptable carrier.

Claim 16 (currently amended): ~~[[A]] The repellent of any of claims 1-15~~ claim 1, comprising at least one ingredient used for skin care of humans or animals.

Claim 17 (currently amended): ~~[[A]] The repellent of any of claims 1-16~~ claim 1, comprising at least one perfume.

Claim 18 (currently amended): ~~[[A]] The repellent of any of claims 1-17~~ claim 1, comprising at least one additive which increase the stability of the product, including antioxidants such as 6-O-palmitoyl-L-ascorbic acid or 2,6-DI-tert.-butyl-4-methylphenol.

Claim 19 (currently amended): ~~[[A]] The repellent of any of claims 1-18~~ claim 1, comprising at least one UV absorber, including titaniumdioxide or octylmethoxycinnamate.

Claim 20 (currently amended): ~~[[A]] The repellent of any of claims 1-19~~ claim 1, comprising at least one further repellent compound, including essential oils of other

plants, N,N-diethyl-m-toluamide (DEET), dimethyl phthalate, N,N-diethylbenzamide, 2-ethyl-hexane-1,3-diol, p-methane-3,8-diol, isopulegol, 1-piperidine carboxylic acid, hydroxy-ethyl-isobutylpiperidine-carboxylate, derivatives and mixtures thereof.

Claim 21 (original): Use of extracts, parts, and/or other active components of *Vitex agnus-castus* against Infestation of arthropods.

Claim 22 (original): Use of claim 21 against infestation of arthropods in humans, pet or food animals, plants or stored materials including textiles, furs, food and agricultural products.

Claim 23 (currently amended): Use of ~~any of claims 21 or 22~~ claim 21 for external application.

Claim 24 (currently amended): Use of ~~any of claims 21-23~~ claim 21 in the form of repellent which is in the form of a solution, spray, aerosol, lotion, gel, creme, powder, perfume, sun filter or deodorant.

Claim 25 (currently amended): Use of ~~any of claims 21-24~~ claim 21 for application on skin, hair, clothes.

Claim 26 (original): Use of a plant of the genus vitex for the preparation of a repellent against ticks and/or mites.

Claim 27 (original): Use of claim 26 against ticks.